COMMISSION MEETING
VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCE

Thursday, June 11, 2020
1:30 p.m.

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UPDATED AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
   
   • **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

4. **Proposed Resolution 07-20**: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2021” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

1:50 p.m.

**Committees**

5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Ben Collins (Plain Township), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Secretary
a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs

7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

2:15 p.m. 8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

a. **Call to Order** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**

   - Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, Director

c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

   1) Approval of [May 14, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

   2) [Proposed Resolution T-10-20: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”](#)

   d. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

9. **Commission Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of [May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

   b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. **Other Business**

11. **One MORPC One Voice: Christie Angel, YWCA President & CEO**

3:00 p.m. 12. **Adjourn** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair

**PLEASE NOTIFY SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The next Commission Meeting is

**Thursday, August 13, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
MORPC Monthly Agency Report

May 2020

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COVID-19 Advocacy and Updates
Team Members hosted a series of stakeholder discussion on Regional Trends and Policy Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic.

MORPC hosted a webinar on May 27, Sustainability in the Face of COVID-19, focused on discussions around the importance of sustainability, early lessons, and shaping a more sustainable and resilient recovery through this public health crisis. Panelists included Kate Bartter, Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University; Alana Shockey, Assistant Director of Sustainability with City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities; and Eric Walli, Associate Chief Advisor with Honda North America.

MORPC continues to coordinate legislative updates on two weekly calls in partnership with the Franklin County Township Association and the Central Ohio Mayors and Manager Association (COMMA). MORPC has also worked to have high-level officials provide updates on the calls.

The Regional Policy Roundtable met May 12. Congressman Troy Balderson provided an informative federal update related to COVID-19, the CARES ACT, and potential infrastructure opportunities. This was an opportunity for members of the Roundtable to ask Congressman Balderson questions on how COVID-19 and the economic revenue shortfalls associated with the pandemic are impacting Central Ohio communities.

SB 285 Distracted Driving Bill Advocacy
At the February Roundtable, ODOT’s Michelle May gave an update on Senate Bill 285, a bill that will curb distracted driving in the State. Last month, the Senate Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing on SB 285. MORPC supports this critical legislation that protects people, yet also wants to ensure that people aren’t being disproportionately targeted. MORPC submitted proponent testimony for SB 285 on May 27. MORPC strongly supports the necessary measures to curb distracted driving and save lives, while also urging members of the committee to consider inserting language to the bill that would require law enforcement officers to inform a person who is pulled over for distracted driving that they have the right to decline a search of their vehicle. MORPC also asks that the committee consider some type of data mechanism of people who are pulled over for distracted driving, to ensure minorities are not specifically being targeted. These amendment requests are in
alignment with language included in a similar bill in Virginia. MORPC will continue to monitor this bill.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan
The Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee approved and adopted the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan which now goes to ODOT and FHWA for review.

5310 Designated Recipient
MORPC was approved to begin using FTA 5310 funds for program administration and mobility management.

Transit
MORPC worked with COTA to submit an Accelerating Innovative Mobility FTA discretionary grant to connect rural county transit systems to urban areas with technology. If funded, the pilot will include Fairfield, Pickaway, Delaware and Madison Counties as an extension of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) system in Franklin County.

Team Members completed the FFY 2020 FTA Formula Funding split for COTA, Delaware County Transit and Licking County Transit to be submitted to the FTA for availability.

Gohio
Gohio Team Members are working with other regional partners to develop a telework guide that will include pros and cons of telework, different types of telework, and how to implement an internal policy.

Gohio Team Members are working with Columbus Public Health on TDM initiatives and the development of a Travel Training program that supports multimodal transportation education for individuals of all ages and abilities in the region.

Gohio Team Members met with NOACA Gohio Commute representatives to discuss the Specialized Transportation Search tool in the Gohio Commute Platform. They also discussed how NOACA has developed their data entry process so MORPC can do so in a cohesive way.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
MORPC released the final report of its "Midwest Connect" Hyperloop Feasibility Study on May 20. The study found that hyperloop technology is feasible along the corridor connecting Columbus with Chicago (via Lima, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana) and Pittsburgh. The study is available on MORPC’s website. Next steps include collaborating with stakeholders to advance a certification corridor segment for Virgin Hyperloop One technology in Central Ohio, creating a travel and economic demand advisory panel to improve and further refine the high-level analyses developed under the feasibility study, and working with state and federal transportation officials to advance a regulatory framework for hyperloop technology.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
On May 4, CORPO adopted the 2021 CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP) and TIP. Both have been submitted to ODOT.

CORPO signed support letters for the Connecting Mohican Valley Corridor Plan and subsequent BUILD application, and for MORPC’s and COTA’s Accelerating Innovative Mobility Challenge grant application.
CORPO Staff participated in the May 5 Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange where regional transit and mobility stakeholders discussed best practices, issues/barriers, and ways mobility management can be improved in the region.

The May 2020 CORPO Newsletter is now available.

MORPC Attributable Funding
Team Members worked on updating the Attributable Funds Online Application. The application period opens the first week of June. A virtual attributable funding workshop will be held Wednesday June 3, 2:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams. Updates to previous funding commitments are due July 10. Initial screening applications for new funding are due July 17.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
The District 3 Integrating Committee met May 8 and approved policies and criteria for Round 35 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (SCIP/LTIP). The status of appropriations from the state for SCIP Round 35 is uncertain, and applications cannot be solicited until funds are appropriated. If the schedule can be maintained, applications for SCIP/LTIP funding will be available in July for local governments in Franklin County. Applications will be due September 14.

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
The NRAC met May 28 and approved seven Clean Ohio Conservation applications requesting $3.13 million. Approximately $3.9 million was available for the current Round 14. The projects are:

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The NRAC meets July 8 to approve policies and criteria for Round 15. The status of appropriations from the state for Clean Ohio Conservation funds for Round 15 is uncertain, and applications cannot be solicited until funds are appropriated.

Competitive Advantage Projects
MORPC staff continues to coordinate with Ice Miller on the CAP Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity. Progress is being made towards development of a final report highlighting different project financing strategies which can be used for advancement of projects across the Central Ohio region.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
The RDAC met June 2 to discuss the status of the Regional Housing Strategy, public policy, and the work of the four Working Groups.
The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Working Group met May 27 to review and plan for RIDG user group meetings and discuss the Steering Committee Transition Plan.

The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group continues their work via the Fiber Network Subgroup.

The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met May 21 to review the status of the second round of beta testing and to discuss a communication strategy.

The Central Ohio GIS User Group met May 20 to discuss the upcoming virtual ESRI User Conference and other GIS-related matters.

Census
The Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee Local Government Subcommittee met May 17 to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on the Census and local government outreach. Team Members spoke on an OSU panel regarding the 2020 Census implications for communities in light of COVID-19.

Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG)
Team Members presented a proposal to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to formalize the ATWG as a subcommittee of TAC to advice TAC on active transportation planning.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:
Manual counts were conducted April 20-May 16 and focused on validating permanent count equipment understanding demand on the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Network during the COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Order. Data will be available later this summer.

Team Members and regional partners launched short-duration trail counts in May for the annual trail monitoring program. The trail monitoring program is being updated to improve data collection efforts and expand the monitoring area.

insight2050 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)
Team Members met with the Franklin County Engineer’s Office Mobility Team Members for further coordination on context-sensitive roadway classifications for the County’s Complete Streets Policy implementation. Team Members met with City of Hilliard Staff to discuss the Cemetery Road project area existing land use, transportation, and employee demographics. Team Members met with City of Westerville Staff to discuss a project description, anticipated services, and deliverables for the Cleveland Avenue project. Team Members continued to work on the best practices report for the Cemetery Road project and the Jefferson Township Blacklick Station project.

Regional Housing Strategy
The Project Team hosted Stakeholder Review of Displacement Risk and Opportunity Analyses on May 1, and the Regional Housing Strategy Joint Work Session on May 15. The Joint Work Session brought together project sponsors and the advisory board. In facilitated breakout sessions, stakeholders participated in discussions focused on the topic of housing as a platform for equitable growth in the context of the current findings, and in the context of a post-COVID-19 recovery. The Project Team will lead more regional workshops and informational interviews over the summer. Team Members are collecting and analyzing data, and designing a Regional Housing Strategy Hub.

Transportation Safety
Team Members participated in State Highway Safety Plan meetings to assist ODOT with updating action plans for multiple emphasis areas of the plan. Team Members also attended a virtual SAFE Delaware County Coalition meeting on May 14.
**Sustaining Scioto Board**
Team Members are conducting research on water quality monitoring and has coordinated with American Farmland Trust to help support a grant proposal that will provide funding for their Farming for Clean Water program.

**Central Ohio Water Resources**
Team Members participated in the Central Ohio Watershed Council and Be the Change for Clean Water meetings, comprised of regional partners working toward protecting and preserving Central Ohio waterways. In coordination with Be the Change for Clean Water and their regional messaging, Team Members created a social media post encouraging practices that protect water quality.

**Outreach**
Team Members participated in the PC’s for People Computer Distribution event distributing over 300 personal computers to Central Ohio residents.

**Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board**
The COG Board met May 13 and adopted an updated Regional Trail Vision. Major updates to the Regional Trail Vision include a trail in Dublin connecting the Scioto Trail to Glacier Ridge Metro Park, a small trail connecting the Alum Creek Trail to the Big Walnut Trail in northeast Franklin County, and the Linden Green Line, which runs along an abandoned rail line in northeast Columbus. The Board will recommend the updated Vision to the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting on June 17.

The four COG Working groups are focusing on:
- The Trail Development Working Group is advising the Trail & Active Transportation Prioritization Project. The project will prioritize trail and active transportation projects to increase the percentage of residents with access to trails.
- The Marketing & Communications Working Group is focused on ways to engage and promote trail use virtually.
- The Operations & Access Working Group is exploring opportunities to continue informal, open-ended questions about trail planning, funding, and operations on social media to engage new followers and encourage informal conversations.
- The Partnership Working Group is moving forward with an Environmental & Economic Impact of Trails Study with the support of The Columbus Foundation.

**Energy & Air Quality**
- The Air Quality Sensor Subgroup reviewed an air quality monitoring plan to install multiple monitors in the downtown area during stay-at-home orders. The intention is to gather data during the orders and afterward as activity resumes to track the contribution of traffic and other activities in the downtown area to particulate matter levels. Five monitors were installed in the downtown and Franklinton areas.
- The Solar Toolkit Subgroup published the [Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments](#) on MORPC’s website. Additional items will be added as they are identified or developed. The Subgroup is currently developing a marketing plan to support an official announcement to coincide with the September Energy Academy.

**Local Government Energy Partnership (LGEP)**
The June Energy Academy session is currently in development and will focus on energy equity and health. MORPC Team Members are in discussions with AEP Ohio and Columbia Gas of Ohio regarding program continuation for 2021.
Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
The next SAC meeting is June 17. The agenda includes a presentation of MORPC’s energy planning program and approval of the guiding principles for the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Regional Sustainability Dashboard
The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group met May 21 to review the status of the second round of beta testing and to discuss a communications strategy. The MORPC and CURA Teams continue to work on technical development, data acquisition, and narrative.

Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee
The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee met May 19 to begin updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Diversity & Inclusion
Team Members calculated and distributed the first quarter 2020 departmental data for supplier diversity and procurement. MORPC met the agency’s overall goal of 15% with an actual spend of 18.41%. Broken down by category:
- MBE – 0.23%
- SBE – 7.64%
- Section 3 – 1.81%
- DBE – 0.30%
- WBE/VBE – 8.43%

Upcoming Events
- Grant Camp Week – June 8-12 – short virtual camps held daily focused on grant and funding options for local governments located in the Central Ohio Region. For more information and to register go to www.morpc.org/event/grant-camp-week/.
- Social Media Forum – July 29 – more details to come.

Digital Content
Social media and web/e-newsletter content included: Air Quality, insight2050 and Corridor Concepts, Gohio/Bike Month, Hyperloop, Columbus Vision Zero, Central Ohio Greenways, Paving the Way, TIP Comments, Work Zone Awareness, Safety, Bike/Pedestrian Counts, Planning Work Program, Transportation Policy Committee, and Rickenbacker Study.

MORPC in the News (www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews)
More Americans affected by air pollution
Air Quality Awareness Week to begin May 4
When will hyperloop be ready? Developers dispute study that says systems won’t launch until 2040
Study Predicts Hyperloop Operation to Begin in 2040
Reynoldsburg seeks grant for Waggoner Road project
Sawmill Parkway to be resurfaced
Is Columbus the next coronavirus “hot spot”?
EPA awards Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission $600,000 to clean up former industrial sites in Columbus
Powell OKs funding for Sawmill Parkway resurfacing
MORPC Matters: Air pollution hard to see but even harder to ignore
Recycling, air quality rise in Columbus during pandemic
Columbus Traffic Expected To Rise Again As Stay-At-Home Order Lifts
Hyperloop study: Pittsburgh to Chicago in 56 minutes for $93 is feasible
Columbus Hyperloop Would Be ‘Physically Feasible,’ New Study Finds
Hyperloop Releases Study, “Feasible Connecting Columbus with Chicago”
Franklin County adds $2 million to Morse Road and I-270 project
Census data puts Union and Delaware counties among fastest-growing housing markets in US
MORPC Releases Hyperloop Feasibility Study

Housing
The Franklin County Urgent Needs (FCUN) 2018 program has been put on hold for production due to the COVID-19 health concerns. Twenty-two projects have been completed. Six projects have been stopped in production; two projects were to start production and two projects are going out to bid. The program is on hold until clearance to continue is received. Discussions are underway to prepare for restart. This program was due to wrap up by June 30; an extension of time has been requested for completion.

Several inspections for the FCUN 2019 program were completed prior to the halt due to COVID-19 health concerns. Team Members are currently working on the work specs for these projects and will put these out to bid at this time. Once clearance is provided, Team Members will continue with processing these for production. Team Members continue to process applications to be prepared when inspections can start again. Discussions are underway as well for restart.

The COCIC home repair program was approved to add one or two additional projects to the prior funding round to utilize those funds left. These are on hold until production is approved for going forward. In addition, funding for the 2020 program year was received and will begin this production once given clearance to do so. While waiting on production clearance, Team Members are working on specs for the first few projects as they will be coordinated with the FCUN 2019 projects that has been inspected.

WarmChoice
Team Members reached out to all approved Warm Choice applicants to let them know that they have been approved and will begin scheduling inspections once a tentative re-start date has been confirmed. Team Members are building a group of approved clients list waiting to go into inspection and production once production resumes. Team Members are having discussions with contractors regarding restart procedures.

HWAP
Due to dependency on WarmChoice funding for combo jobs, both WarmChoice and HWAP programs are on hold until Columbia Gas of Ohio lifts their work suspension. In the meantime, work continues on the grant application and waitlist clean-up.

Audit Update
The auditors from Plante Moran completed their audit and review of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by MORPC. The audit reports and CAFR will be presented at the June Executive Committee meeting. The audit reports show clean opinions with no findings.

Information Technology and Facility Updates
Office renovations continue with workstations packed up, furniture removed, and carpet ripped out of most of the space. Furniture vendors have been selected, other quotes (noted below with others to be release soon) are being sought, with expected re-occupancy later this summer. There will be a phased approach to completion of the work, with some occurring after occupancy.

The Information Technology Services Team focused on the following projects and tasks:
• Prepared projects to support office renovation
  o Procure network switches
  o Consult wireless experts on “complete wireless” office settings
  o Select vendor for network cable upgrade
  o Select and apply wireless solution
  o Research wireless VOIP solutions
• Continued to perform phish email testing (the May failure rate is down to 2.5%). Failed users received video-based training as a requirement.
• Renewed a contract to lease new printers after 4 years, to continue to utilize centralized units to save energy, reduce prints, and total cost.
• Assisted in the May 15 launch of Pavingtheway.morpc.org.
• Continued to manage remote access for users during this period, including updating virtual servers with needed applications and access for multiple groups of users, RDP access remotely, and security control.

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:
  • Communications & Engagement Summer Intern Alexis Turner began May 11.
  • Economic Development & Infrastructure Officer Ted Geer began May 26.
  • Agency-Wide Administrative Assistant Renee Sova began May 26.

MORPC is currently accepting applications for the following positions:
  • Transportation & Infrastructure Intern

Requirements for posted positions are available for review on MORPC’s website at http://www.morpc.org/careers/.

RFP/RFQ Postings
The following RFP’s/RFQ’s were posted:
  • Office Renovation - Flooring
  • Office Renovation - Painting
  • Office Renovation – FF&E – Systems, Desking & Tables (closed 5/18/2020)
  • Office Renovation – FF&E – Ancillary Package (closed 5/18/2020)
  • RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
  • RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqs/.
Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
   Executive Committee
   Officers and Board Members

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
      Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

DATE: June 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-20: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2021”

This resolution adopts the 2021 membership fee schedule. Regularly increasing the dues by relatively small amounts in order to carry on the efforts of the Commission has been preferred over more infrequent but larger increases. However, due to the COVID-19 health crisis and its effects on local governments, this resolution proposes to delay the rate increase per the five-year plan presented in Resolution 10-19 for one year and that the 2021 rate remain the same as the 2020 rate.

The current (2020) rate of $0.575 includes $0.07 restricted to building costs and/or operating reserve, $0.195 for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) federal matching fund requirements, and $0.31 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. Members located outside the MPO boundaries pay dues at the reduced rate of $0.38, which excludes the MPO portion of the dues. The use of the building/operating reserve dues will be identified in the annual budget formally adopted by the Commission in December.

The 2020 Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) rate recommendation totals $0.48 per capita including $0.07 restricted to building costs and/or operating reserve, $0.10 for CORPO matching fund requirements, and $0.31 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. This total CORPO applies only to member counties in areas that are outside the MPO and in the 7-County CORPO area.

Per MORPC’s Bylaws:
- Each year the COMMISSION shall adopt a fee schedule by July 31 to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year.
- Every five years the COMMISSION shall establish a five-year fee schedule which it shall not exceed when adopting fees for each upcoming year (i.e. maximum dues schedule).
- Each year the Commission shall provide a non-binding estimate of fees for the next five (5) years for members to use in their financial planning.
This last bullet indicating an estimated or planned dues schedule will be presented with the annual fee schedule each year, with any updated planned rates if applicable. Note that the planned rates are not approved via resolution each year, but instead included via memo only for reference and planning purposes.

The planned five-year dues rates schedule for 2021-2025 is presented below, represented in cents per capita.

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NOTE: The Total CORPO amount equals the Total RPC plus the CORPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amount equals the Total RPC plus the MPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amounts exclude the CORPO amounts.

The population estimates for members will be completed in Autumn 2020 and will show each members’ dues amount for 2021. The 2021 projection will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2021 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission in December of this year.

Attachment: Resolution 07-20
RESOLUTION 07-20

“Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2021”

WHEREAS, the financial provisions of the MORPC Bylaws require that the Commission adopt a fee schedule by July of each year to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 crisis, 2021 rates will remain the same as 2020 rates and not follow the five-year plan proposed in Resolution 10-19 on June 7, 2019 and are below the “maximum per-capita membership fee” approved by the Commission in Resolution 08-16 on July 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a planned dues schedule has been established that shows the expected rates for 2021 through 2025 to help with long-term planning for both MORPC members and MORPC staff; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 project for member dues and related uses will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2021 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission in December; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That a 2021 per-capita fee of $0.575 with a minimum of $1,000 is hereby adopted for members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for areas in the MPO boundaries, a 2021 per-capita fee of $0.48 is hereby adopted for county members of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) for areas within the CORPO boundaries, and a reduced 2021 per-capita fee of $0.38 with a minimum of $1,000 is hereby adopted for members of the Regional Planning Commission that are not in the MPO or CORPO.

Section 2. The $0.07 per-capita portion (included within the $0.575, $0.48, and $0.38 rates) of the dues for the building and operating reserve for 2021 is included to pay a portion of building lease payments and improvements and to fund the operating reserve as subsequently budgeted by this Commission and is hereby adopted.

Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Effective date: June 11, 2020
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
Prepared by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: June 11, 2020
Attachment: Commission Membership – MPO vs. CORPO vs. RPC
**Commission Membership as of June 2020**  
**MPO vs CORPO vs RPC**

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*2021 dues rate per-capita: $0.575*

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2020
Time: 2:18 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Transportation Policy Committee Members
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Meeting Called to Order
Chair Karen Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation & Infrastructure Development – Thea Ewing, MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Development Director**
  
Thea Ewing presented the Metropolitan Planning Organization Report. The application period for ODOT TRAC projects (major new projects) is June 15-July 15. MORPC prioritizes application for the region.

  Ms. Ewing shared there is an issue with OPWC funds. Since there is no planned state capital bill, the programs that were awarded funds will not receive agreements from OPWC. There is no guidance on when a legislative vehicle will come. Projects can be delayed if re-appropriations do not happen.

  Ms. Walsh noted the resolutions included in the Consent Agenda.

  o T-7-20 is for the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program which is a 4-year program with over $2 billion of regional projects.
  o T-6-20 is for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan which is a 30-year future look at transportation projects in Central Ohio listing $30 billion in projects.
  o T-8-20 is the annual Planning Work Program (PWP).
  o T-9-20 is the annual self-certification which is standard for the PWP.

- **Planning & Sustainability – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Sustainability Director**
  
  Kerstin Carr reported MORPC is preparing to kick-off the Active Transportation Plan which was last updated in 2015. As part of the planning work, MORPC will update the regional bikeway network, including trails, on-street infrastructure and conduct a regional pedestrian network analysis. The focus is making sure to significantly improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The plan supports the goals of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as complements ODOT’s statewide plan. The plan is guided by a Steering Committee co-chaired by City of Westerville Engineer Jen Alford and Columbus Public Health Scott Ulrich. Other steering committee members represent counties, cities, townships, state agencies and community groups.

  In June the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will vote on a recommendation to make the Active Transportation Working Group a subcommittee of TAC. The subcommittee chair will sit on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

  The Columbus Foundation is providing $45,000 to conduct an environmental and health impact study on the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) trail system. MORPC has also applied for additional funding to conduct an economic impact study of the COG system.

- **Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC Data & Mapping Director**
  
  Aaron Schill reported the updated Paving the Way website was publicly launched this week. Eighty projects are entered in the site touching nine different counties in the region. Community staff members have been trained and are entering the projects on the site. Send questions to pavingtheway@morpc.org.

  Census 2020 Field Offices have been closed since March. Everyone should have received an invitation to respond. Mr. Schill asked members to encourage people in their communities to complete the Census. The Census Field Offices are reopening June 1 at which time field data collection will begin. The closing date for collecting information
moved to October 31. Congress is being asked to push back the apportionment and redistricting dates 180 days to April 30, 2021 and July 31, 2021. The census response rates webpage is developing an interactive dashboard that allows filtering by community.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda
Bill LaFayette made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Carrie Woody. A question was raised regarding the resolutions on the consent agenda and the forecast going forward due to the decline in the gas tax. The forecasts are made on available information at the time and the plans are based on federal resources. The motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Proposed Resolution T-10-20 will add one project to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling almost $3 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In July, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components.

An explanation of the proposed change to the TIP follows.

ODOT, District 6 has requested the following addition to the TIP:
- Move ROW funding for improvements and widening of US 40 from just east of casino entrance to 500 feet east of Wilson Road from SFY20 to SFY21.

NTG: TG

Attachments:
- Proposed Resolution T-10-20
RESOLUTION T-10-20

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-7-20; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 6 has requested the addition of one project to the 2021-2024 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting June 8, 2020, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 3, 2020, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.

Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2021-2024 TIP
Resolution T-10-20
Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT 6  
PID: 93173  
TIP ID: 2747  
MTP ID: 204

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US040-07.00  
Length (mi.): 0.65

Project Type(s): Safety Improvement/Reconstruction  
Air Quality: Exempt

Description: W Broad St from E of Georgesville Rd to 500’ E of Wilson Rd, Safety Improvement & Reconstruction, widening for additional median separation (raised curb in places) and positive offset turn lane spacing. Includes resurfacing, drainage, access relocations/

Bike Components: Bicycle lanes. 0.65 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 2 sides. 1.3 mi. added to ped network.

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Meeting Called to Order – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Karen Angelou called the Commission meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Angelou thanked those who participate in the weekly update meetings on Tuesdays with townships and counties, and on Thursdays with cities and villages. These meetings are convened to help each of our members during unprecedented and difficult times. Chair Angelou thanked MORPC Team Members and colleagues who have been on all the COVID conference calls and have been an integral part of the collaboration and its success: David Collinsonworth, President of COMMA and City Manager of Westerville; Chet Chaney, Franklin County Township Association and Perry Township Trustee; Joe Mazzola, Franklin County Public Health Commissioner; Joe Gibbs, Division Manager Environmental Health; Jeff Young, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives; and William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director. The MORPC Team behind the scenes are Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer and Niel Jurist, Director of Communications and Engagement. Thank you to all those mentioned (and not mentioned) and thank you to those who participated as guest speakers when asked. We are one region supporting each other through difficult times.

Recognition of New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
Eileen Leuby welcomed the City of Pataskala’s new administrator Tim Hickin.

COVID-19 Update with Ohio Auditor Keith Faber
Chair Angelou and William Murdock introduced Ohio Auditor Keith Faber. Mr. Faber is dedicated to ensuring efficient, effective, transparent government for the people of Ohio. He served in the state legislature from 2001 to 2018, including time as Senate President. The Auditor and his team were instrumental in MORPC being able to secure the Paycheck Protection Program loan approved by the Commission two weeks ago.

Auditor Faber cautioned local governments to prepare now for changes in revenue. Sales tax and income tax revenues are down just shy of 30 percent. Making a small adjustment over a long time period is more manageable than a large change over a short period. Contact the Auditor’s office if you anticipate this being a problem. His office can do a performance audit to help look at ways to get through economically. The Auditor’s Office is looking at how they can reduce expenses. They continue to get their work done and anticipate working remotely at least through May and probably through June.

The Auditor and his team fielded questions audibly and in the chat function.

What challenges are you seeing in addition to the funding struggles with local governments working with your office?
- If people are having trouble working with his office, let the office know. They don’t anticipate problems with their customer base.
- Local governments are starting to struggle with public meetings. The public still must have access. Post meeting notices where you normally would. Record and keep the recording.
- How do you pay people doing things beyond their normal scope? Give statutory authority on how to compensate and change the terms. Legislature is reluctant to do that. Keep records of what the people working remotely are doing. The Auditor’s Office
will look to see if the governing authority gave the permission to make the changes to the work they are doing.

The Open Meetings Act is only for a limited time. Do you anticipate a more permanent change? That’s a call for the legislature. From our perspective we are entering a new normal. There’s a benefit for one-on-one interaction, but I would support flexibility as long as we give the public access and keep a record.

Looking about guidance from the CARES Act for COVID-19. The reality is that their office is responsible to audit that based on whatever standards they come up with (the Auditor’s Office is concerned because the standards are evolving). Only spend the money for things that you know are allowed right now. He hopes they allow maximum flexibility.

Are there boilerplate ordinances to cover the payroll issue? James on the AOS team could probably find something. The ordinance should include language granting the mayor or city administrator to pay the listed people/positions to work from home/remote and they will be doing the following things. Look at the ORC section on Administrative Leave. Model the authority based in there.

Executive Director’s Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
William Murdock expressed his appreciation for the leadership members are giving in their communities and throughout the region. He reminded members that MORPC is here to help and will continue to provide support.

Mr. Murdock reported that MORPC was awarded funds through the Payment Protection Program from the U.S. Small Business Administration application the Commission approved last month. MORPC received $460,000 to cover a portion of payroll, benefits and rent for eight weeks. That allowed MORPC to remain fully employed through June 30, especially the Residential Services Department. MORPC has not been able to go into people’s homes due to the pandemic. This allows the Residential Services Team to remain employed and working on things that help the organization and local governments such as data analysis, mobility studies, trail counts, and the MORPC office renovation.

MORPC Staff is doing well. They are all working remotely. They are healthy. And they are very productive as MORPC moves projects forward and addresses new needs. MORPC sent the press release this week officially announcing the hiring of Ralonda Hampton, MORPC Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer.

MORPC continues to host weekly calls in partnership with the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA) and the Franklin County Township Association in order to provide vital information to members and keep the region together and connected to good information. Mr. Murdock appreciates all those that participate in the calls. Send topic ideas you would like covered. There will be no calls the week of Memorial Day.

MORPC Team Members are working on a re-opening strategy and will share it with the Commission. A section has been added to MORPC’s Central Ohio COVID-19 Resource Hub to allow communities to share their re-opening strategies. MORPC has extended remote meetings to July 4 out of an abundance of caution.
The FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program applications are due May 15. The grant is part of the CARES Act and is to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies.

MORPC’s Residential Services Team’s work has been on pause while waiting for guidance to get back into homes. MORPC anticipates that to happen in the coming weeks. Team Members are building the client list.

MORPC is moving forward with the office renovation while staff is working remotely. The agency is going with the lower cost/higher impact solution. The building is mostly empty. The renovation is providing additional meeting space and updating the cubicles.

Last week MORPC received a U.S. EPA Assessment Grant for the next three years to assess properties for repositioning in the region. The proposal focused on the corridors of the insight2050 Corridor Concepts but allows all MORPC’s 15-county region to utilize the fund for environmental assessment to help reposition abandoned or contaminated properties.

- **Quarterly Membership Report** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
  Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Services Quarterly Update](#) highlighting:
  - Forums completed March through April
  - Available resources
  - Responsible Restart Ohio for Local Governments
  - Summer Intern Program
  - Upcoming Events
  - PCs for People Project

**Committees**

**Transportation Policy Committee** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), MORPC Chair
Chair Angelou called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:18 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:42 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)** – Jeff Stauch (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Vice Chair
Jeff Stauch reported CORPO subcommittees met the first two weeks of April. CORPO met May 4 and adopted the CORPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – the first submission for them. They also adopted the 2021 Planning Work Program (PWP). The TIP and PWP have been submitted to ODOT. CORPO provided support letters for the Connecting Mohican Valley Corridor Plan and for the MORPC/COTA Accelerating Innovative Mobility Challenge grant application. CORPO Team Members participated in the May 5 Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange discussing best practices, issues, barriers and ways mobility management can be improved in the region.

**Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
Joe Garrity presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Congressman Troy Balderson provided a special federal update at the spring Regional Policy Roundtable meeting. Roundtable Vice Chair David Scheffler is forming the 2021/2022 Public Policy Working Group to update the Public Policy Agenda. Reach out to Joe Garrity if interested in serving on the working group.
• **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joe Garrity, MORPC Director of Government Affairs
  
  Steve Tugend and Joe Garrity gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
  
  o Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus (HERO) Act – COVID recovery
  o SB 310 – CARES local government money for those under 500,000
  o HB 163 – rights between parties to water utilities contracts
  
  See the [May 2020 Monthly Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

**Smart Region Task Force** – Dana McDaniel (City of Dublin), Smart Region Task Force Chair

Dana McDaniel reported the Smart Region Task Force is finalizing its work. They are finishing work on the Smart Region Resource Guide which will help local leaders with their first steps toward becoming a smart community and help us all to collectively become a smart region. This is the last of the three deliverables from the task force. The task force intends to submit a letter to the Commission recapping their accomplishments/acknowledgements and providing suggested next steps.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Jim Schimmer presented the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. The Sustaining Scioto Board kicked-off April 29. The board is a diverse group of members representing agriculture, local government, public health, higher education, water, wastewater, utilities, non-profits, and community-based organizations. Kristen Atha, from Aecom is Chair and Mike Andrako from the City of Marysville is Vice Chair. The purpose of the board is to guide the Sustaining Scioto Implementation Plan developed last year. MORPC Team Members providing support to the board are Brandi Whetstone, Brooke White, and Edwina Teye.

At their April 15 meeting, the Sustainability Advisory Committee discussed the impact of COVID-19 on sustainability and realized the desire for a larger discussion. They are hosting a May 27 panel discussion, Sustainability in the Face of COVID-19. The discussion will include different perspectives on the impacts to sustainability work, strategies for adapting, and the important role of sustainability and resilience in our recovery. Panelists include:

- Kate Bartter, Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at The Ohio State University
- Alana Shockey, Assistant Director of Sustainability, City of Columbus Department of Utilities
- Eric Walli, Senior Staff Engineer, Honda North America, Inc.

**Commission Consent Agenda**

Greg Lestini made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Alex Heckman; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary

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